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Remarks/Arguments

Upon entry of this amendment, and the amendment filed on December 1, 2004, claims 1-37, 39-40, and 47 will remain in the application. Claims 38 and 41-46 will be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer upon entry of the amendment filed on December 1, 2004. Claim 1 will be further amended upon entry of this amendment.

Entry of this amendment, after final action, is appropriate because the amendment will place the application into condition for immediate allowance and because the amendment does not raise new issues or necessitate a further search.

This amendment is to further clarify the wording of claim 1. The amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of claim 1 in any regard.

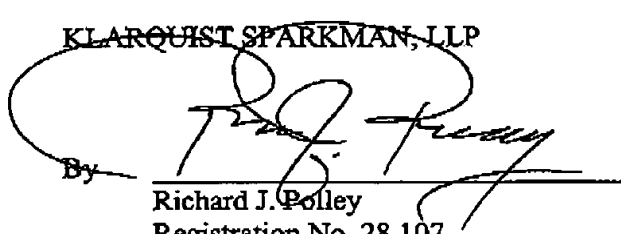
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the arguments presented in the amendment filed on December 1, 2004, regarding claim 1, which arguments apply fully to claim 1 as presented above.

Entry of the amendments and allowance of this application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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